

**FC243.23 Survey – Road side weed management policy 2023**

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**Subject:** T&Pc: Survey - Road side weed management policy 2023

Dear all,

Cambridgeshire County Council Highways implemented a change to the road side weed management policy for this year. The change was designed to reduce the use of potentially harmful chemicals in the environment to help support nature recovery and to reduce operational costs. Further information on this subject is included within the survey itself.

We are assessing the impacts of the policy change and would welcome your feedback on what the results has been this year in your community.

We would appreciate it if you could complete the short survey, and submit it back to ourselves before **Friday 20th October 2023**.

Please see the below link that will take you through to the survey.

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Kind regards,

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# Cambridgeshire County Council - Road side weed management policy 2023 - Survey (T&PC's)

Cambridgeshire County Council Highways implemented a change to the road side weed management policy for this year. The change was designed to reduce the use of potentially harmful chemicals in the environment to help support nature recovery and to reduce operational costs.

The previous road side weed management policy included for cyclic chemical spraying of weeds in village and town urban areas 2 or 3 times per year during the spring and summer months. The spray used was a glyphosate based weed killer. The cyclic chemical spraying killed most weeds where used. This kept the level of weeds in urban areas down to levels where in most cases they are not considered a nuisance. Where weeds did remain and caused a hazard or nuisance these would be removed by other means if necessary. We did not remove weeds from rural roads or on all minor housing estates

The operational policy adopted and implemented this year has been. No cyclic chemical weed spraying. Where weeds, on roads we used to chemically treat, have been identified as a hazard or nuisance through inspection or reports to highways teams the location has been inspected and the weeds removed by non-chemical means.

We are assessing the impacts of the policy change and would welcome your feedback on what the results has been this year in your community. I would be grateful if you could complete the short survey below by **20th October 2023**.

When we have received the responses to this short survey we will be analysing the results and using them to inform to make an informed decision on the future of our policy and operational roadside weed management. We will also use your responses to questions 4 and 5 to improve how we work with you in future.

The name and photo associated with your Google Account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form. Your email address is not part of your response.

\* Indicates required question

District\*

East Cambridgeshire

Cambridge

Fenland

Huntingdonshire

South Cambridgeshire

Parish/Town/City\*

Parish

Town

City

Name\*

Where applicable please use your City/Town/Parishes name

Your answer

Email\*

Your answer

1. In your community, what additional impact on the highway have you seen in the last year in relation to weeds?

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Your answer

2. Do you have any evidence to show the impacts? If so please could you upload it here.

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3. The reasons for introducing the policy change were two fold; to reduce the cost of this area of highways services and; to reduce the use of chemicals which are potentially harmful to nature. With this in mind what alternative proposals would you like us to consider to either better control weeds and/or deliver efficiencies in the way we manage highways overall whilst supporting nature and reducing carbon?

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Your answer

4. We recognise we need to improve our engagement with you. What proposals would you have that could help us improve our communication and engagement with you?

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Your answer

5. Are there ideas or proposals you have about how the county council can work with parish and district councils in the delivery of local services?

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Your answer

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